

What is claimed is:

1. An information providing system, comprising:

a plurality of terminal units displaying varying visual images to users, said plurality of terminal units including a first terminal unit displaying varying visual images to a first user;

a manufacturing unit manufacturing said plurality of terminal units and distributing said plurality of terminal units;

a first unit providing first services to users who register to receive said first services, the first user being registered to receive said first services; and

a second unit being electrically connected to said first unit through Internet connections;

said second unit supplying second services to said first terminal unit, the first user supplying a first remuneration to said second unit in exchange for said second services, said first terminal unit receiving said second services from said second unit by connecting with said second unit through Internet connections;

said second services including first data, second data, and said first services, said second services being supplied to said first terminal unit in dependence upon third data, said third data being provided by the first user;

said second unit providing a second remuneration to said manufacturing unit in accordance with a quantity of said plurality of terminal units distributed, said second remuneration being increased when said quantity of said plurality of terminal units distributed is increased;

20 said first unit providing a third remuneration to said second unit in accordance with a
21 quantity of users registering to receive said first services, said third remuneration being increased
22 when said quantity of users registered to receive said first services is increased.

1 2. The system of claim 1, said third data corresponding to at least one item of
2 information selected from among legal name of the first user, address of the first user, date of
3 birth of the first user, user name selected by the first user, password of the first user, gender of
4 the first user, age of the first user, and identification number of the first user.

1 3. The system of claim 2, said first data corresponding to at least one category of
2 information selected from among weather, news, and horoscope.

1 4. The system of claim 3, said second data corresponding to at least one category of
2 information selected from among politics, economics, society, culture, sports, games, and
3 computers.

1 5. The system of claim 4, said first services corresponding to at least one category of
2 services selected from among bank business services for performing Internet banking, securities
3 services for performing Internet stock trading services, insurance business services for
4 performing insurance-related business.

1 6. The system of claim 1, said first terminal unit further comprising at least one unit
2 selected from among a web phone performing telephone and web surfing functions through
3 Internet connections, a web television performing television and web surfing functions through
4 Internet connections, a personal digital assistant having calculation functions, and information
5 storing and searching functions, and a cellular phone having wireless voice communication and
6 having its own Internet browser.

1 7. The system of claim 6, said personal digital assistant being used for at least one
2 function selected from among personal functions and business functions.

1 8. The system of claim 1, said third data being recorded when the first user receives
2 said first terminal unit.

1 9. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a selling unit selling said first terminal unit to the first user, said third data being provided
3 from the user to said selling unit when said first terminal unit is sold to the first user.

1 10. The system of claim 9, said selling unit providing said third data to said second
2 unit.

1 11. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a selling unit selling said first terminal unit to the first user, said third data being provided from the user to said selling unit when said first terminal unit is sold to the user, the user selecting said second data and said first services when said first terminal is sold to the first user, said selling unit recording said selection of said second data and said selection of said first services when said first terminal unit is sold to the first user.

12. The system of claim 11, said selling unit providing information related to said selections of said second data and said first services to said second unit.

13. The system of claim 1, said third data being provided from the first user to said second unit when the first user initially connects said first terminal unit with said second unit, the first user selecting said second data and said first services when the first user initially connects said first terminal unit with said second unit.

14. An information providing system, comprising:
a plurality of terminal units displaying varying visual images to users, said plurality of terminal units including a first terminal unit displaying varying visual images to a first user;
a manufacturing unit manufacturing said plurality of terminal units and distributing said plurality of terminal units;
a first unit providing first services to users who register to receive said first services, the first user being registered to receive said first services;

8 a second unit being connected to said first unit;

9 said second unit supplying second services to said first terminal unit, said first terminal
10 unit receiving said second services from said second unit by connecting with said second unit
11 through Internet connections; and

12 said second services including first data and second data and said first services, said
13 second services being supplied to said first terminal unit in dependence upon third data, said
14 third data being provided by the first user.

1 15. The system of claim 14, the first user supplying a remuneration to said second unit
2 in exchange for said second services.

1 16. The system of claim 14, said second unit being connected to said first unit by
2 Internet connections.

1 17. The system of claim 14, said second unit providing a remuneration to said
2 manufacturing unit in accordance with a quantity of said plurality of terminal units distributed,
3 said remuneration being increased when said quantity of said plurality of terminal units
4 distributed is increased.

1 18. The system of claim 14, said first unit providing a remuneration to said second
2 unit in accordance with a quantity of users registering to receive said first services, said

remuneration being increased when said quantity of users registered to receive said first services is increased.

19. An information providing method, comprising:

manufacturing a plurality of terminal units including a first terminal unit at a manufacturing unit, and distributing said plurality of terminal units;

providing first services to users who register to receive said first services, said providing of said first services being performed by a first unit;

registering a first user to receive said first services;

connecting a second unit to said first unit; and

supplying second services to said first terminal unit from said second unit, said first terminal unit receiving said second services from said second unit by connecting with said second unit through Internet connections, said second services including first data and second data and said first services, said second services being supplied to said first terminal unit in dependence upon third data, said third data being provided by the first user.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising:

providing a first remuneration to said manufacturing unit in accordance with a quantity of said plurality of terminal units distributed, said first remuneration being increased when said quantity of said plurality of terminal units distributed is increased, said first remuneration being provided to said manufacturing unit by said second unit; and

6 providing a second remuneration to said second unit in accordance with a quantity of
7 users registering to receive said first services, said second remuneration being increased when
8 said quantity of users registered to receive said first services is increased, said second
9 remuneration being provided to said second unit by said first unit.